

I. INTRODUCTION

In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants are submitting herewith 2 sheets of Form PTO/SB/08 (modified) listing certain patent and other documents which the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider and make of record in this application. This supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing of a Notice of Allowance, but concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination. Accordingly, it is the belief of the undersigned attorneys that no fee is required in connection with this submission.

II. REMARKS

A. Enclosures to Information Disclosure Statement

Enclosed herewith please find a completed "Form PTO/SB/08 (modified)" which identifies the United States Patent Documents, Foreign Patent Documents and Non Patent Literature being made of record.

B. Foreign Patent Documents and Non Patent Literature Not In The English Language

Five foreign patent documents (Ref. Nos. B3, B4, B6, B8, and B11) and two Non Patent Literature References (Ref. Nos. C2 and C3) are not in the English language. Under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)(i) and (ii) any information disclosure statement filed shall include:

(3)(i) A concise explanation of the relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, of each patent, publication, or other information listed that is not in the English language. The concise explanation may be either separate from the applicant's specification or incorporated therein.

(ii) A copy of the translation if a written English-language translation of a non-English-language document, or portion thereof, is within the possession, custody, or control of, or is readily available to any individual designated in §1.56(c).

An explanation of four of the non-English foreign patent documents (Ref. Nos. B3, B4, B6, and B11) being made of record is set forth in abstracts of the documents. These abstracts were downloaded from the "<http://ep.espacenet.com>" web site of the European Patent Office.

This submission is not an admission that the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 (modified) constitute prior art against the claims of this application.

III. ACTION REQUESTED

The Examiner is respectfully requested to confirm receipt and consideration of the cited references by initialing and returning a copy of the attached Form PTO/SB/08 (modified) in accordance with MPEP §609.

IV. AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

In the event that a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1406 of the undersigned attorneys. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

V. CONCLUSION

Early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

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- Copy of references